

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An uninterruptible power supply (UPS), comprising:
a UPS circuit operative to selectively supply power to a load from first and second power sources;
a display operatively coupled to the UPS circuit and operative to display
5 textual and/or graphical information pertaining thereto; and
a backlight circuit coupled to the UPS circuit and operative provide different backlightings of the display responsive to respective states of the UPS circuit.
2. A UPS according to Claim 1, wherein the backlight circuit is operative
10 to backlight the display with respective colors responsive to respective states of the UPS circuit.
3. A UPS according to Claim 1, wherein the different backlightings
comprise at least one of different backlighting intensities and backlighting patterns.
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4. A UPS according to Claim 1, wherein the display comprises a liquid
crystal display (LCD).
5. A UPS according to Claim 1, further comprising a housing that houses
20 the UPS circuit, the display, and the backlight circuit.
6. A UPS according to Claim 1, wherein the backlight circuit is operative
to provide a first backlighting of the display responsive to the UPS circuit powering
the load from a primary power source and to provide a second backlighting of the
25 display responsive to the UPS circuit powering the load from a backup power source.
7. A UPS according to Claim 6, wherein the backlight circuit is further
operative to provide a third backlighting of the display responsive to the UPS circuit
detecting an impending failure of the backup power source.
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8. A UPS according to Claim 1, wherein the backlight circuit is operative
to provide a first backlighting of the display responsive to a normal operating state of
the UPS circuit, to provide a second backlighting of the display responsive to a

cautionary state of the UPS circuit, and to provide a third backlighting of the display responsive to an alarm state of the UPS circuit.

9. An uninterruptible power supply (UPS), comprising:
5 a housing;
a UPS circuit, mounted in the housing, operative to selectively supply power to a load from first and second power sources;
an externally-visible LCD associated with the housing, operatively coupled to the UPS circuit and operative to display graphical and/or textual information
10 pertaining thereto; and
a backlight circuit operatively coupled to the UPS circuit and operative to provide different backlightings of the LCD responsive to respective states of the UPS circuit.

15 10. A UPS according to Claim 9, wherein the backlight circuit is operative to backlight the LCD with respective colors responsive to respective states of the UPS circuit.

11. A UPS according to Claim 9, wherein the different backlightings
20 comprise at least one of different backlighting intensities and different backlighting patterns.

12. A UPS according to Claim 9, wherein the backlight circuit is operative to backlight the LCD with a first color responsive to the UPS circuit powering the
25 load from a primary power source and to backlight the LCD with a second color responsive to the UPS circuit powering the load from a backup power source.

13. A UPS according to Claim 12, wherein the backlight circuit is further operative to backlight the LCD with a third color responsive to the UPS circuit
30 detecting an impending failure of the backup power source.

14. A UPS according to Claim 9, wherein the backlight circuit is operative to backlight the LCD with a first color responsive to a normal operating state of the UPS circuit, to backlight the LCD with a second color responsive to a cautionary state

of the UPS circuit, and to backlight the LCD with a third color responsive to an alarm state of the UPS circuit.

15. A method of monitoring a UPS, the method comprising:
5 providing different backlightings of a graphical and/or textual display responsive to respective states of the UPS.

16. A method according to Claim 15, wherein the display comprises an
LCD.
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17. A method according to Claim 15, wherein providing different
backlightings of a graphical and/or textual display responsive to respective states of
the UPS comprises backlighting the display with respective colors responsive to
respective states of the UPS.
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18. A method according to Claim 15, wherein the different backlightings
comprise at least one of different backlighting intensities and different backlighting
patterns.

19. A method according to Claim 15, wherein providing different
backlightings of a graphical and/or textual display for the UPS responsive to
respective states of the UPS comprises:
providing a first backlighting of the display responsive to the UPS powering a
load from a primary power source; and
25 providing a second backlighting of the display responsive to the UPS
powering the load from a backup power source.

20. A method according to Claim 19, wherein providing different
backlightings of a graphical and/or textual display for the UPS responsive to
respective states of the UPS further comprises providing a third backlighting of the
display responsive to the UPS detecting an impending failure of the backup power
source.
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21. A method according to Claim 15, wherein providing different backlightings of a display for the UPS responsive to respective states of the UPS further comprises:

5 providing a first backlighting of the display responsive to a normal operating state of the UPS;

providing a second backlighting of the display responsive to a cautionary state of the UPS; and

providing a third backlighting of the display responsive to an alarm state of the UPS.

22. A method according to Claim 15, further comprising displaying respective textual and/or graphic information with respective ones of the different backlightings.